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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Creation and Beauty, we give You thanks for budding trees and signs of life springing forth during this Spring season. We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this governing body who work to better the lives of Massachusetts citizens.

Prayer.

We enjoy a great history and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us and have left their mark upon us, bettering our lives.

This week we honor two persons who made their home in the Commonwealth. Born in Charlestown on April 27, 1791, Samuel Morse helped make our world a smaller place through the invention of his telegraph machine. The first transmission took place in Puerto Rico in March of 1859. In that first transmission he described the island as a "jewel in the necklace of the world's telegraph."

This week we also honor the designer of Boston's own Emerald Necklace, Frederick Law Olmsted, who was born on April 26, 1822. In 1883 Olmsted established, in Brookline, what is considered to be the first full-time landscape architecture firm. He called the home and office compound Fairsted. It is now a restored National Historic Site. From Fairsted Olmsted designed The Emerald Necklace, an 1,100 acre chain of parks, linked by parkways and waterways seven miles long.

May God continue to Bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Clarke Middle School of Lexington and the Tisbury School of Vineyard Haven. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representatives Kaufman of Lexington and Fernandes of Falmouth.

Clarke Middle
School and
Tisbury School.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the 2017 annual town election in the town of Rockport (House, No.

Rockport,—
election.

3656), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 25.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to the harmful distribution of sexually explicit visual material (House, No. 3655), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, April 25.

Sexually
explicit
material.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Mariano of Quincy) reaffirming friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan, enhancing bilateral relations and supporting Taiwan in the international community;

Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Nathaniel Auclair Vargas on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Nathaniel
Vargas.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Seth Novitch on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Seth
Novitch.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Berthiaume of Spencer and Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., Peter J. Durant and others for legislation to designate a certain road in the town of Charlton as the Trooper Thomas L. Clardy way.

Charlton,—
Clardy way.

By Messrs. Berthiaume of Spencer and Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., Todd M. Smola and others for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Sturbridge as the Trooper Thomas L. Clardy memorial bridge.

Sturbridge,—
Clardy bridge.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to the disclosure of customer proprietary information by internet service providers.

Internet
privacy.

By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradford R. Hill and Joan B. Lovely relative to court ordered payment of expenses to temporary guardians.

Temporary
guardianship,—
payments.

By Mr. Moran of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of George C. Axiotis relative to the survivor benefits of George C. Axiotis.

George
Axiotis,—
benefits.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1898) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Jack Lewis, Lori A. Ehrlich, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the use of elephants in traveling animal acts,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Elephants,—
traveling acts.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to enable taxpayer donations to the Least Developed Countries Fund, an initiative of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.

Climate change,—
donations.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2056) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Whelan, William J. Crocker, Jr., and others for legislation to further regulate the sharing of certain police reports by investigators of the Department of Children and Families. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Police
reports,—
access.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James M. Murphy, Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate a certain park in the town of Hingham as the Eugene F. Creedon memorial park. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Hingham,—
Creedon park.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Devens Fire Department (House, No. 1328).

Devens Fire
Department.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Plymouth County retirement board to acquire real property in Plymouth County (House, No. 1334).

Plymouth
County,—
property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Boylston to continue the employment of police chief Anthony Sahagian (House, No. 1429) [Local Approval Received].

Boylston,—
police chief.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the position of director of public works in the town of West Boylston (House, No. 1433) [Local Approval Received].

West Boylston,—
public works.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Ware to exempt David A. Powers from the maximum age requirement

Ware, —
David

for applying for civil service appointment as a firefighter (House, No. 1450) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting all positions in the fire department of the city of Marlborough from the civil service law (House, No. 2782) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Powers.

Marlborough,—
civil service.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Daggett, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2038) having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paula Daggett,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land used for park, playground or recreation for other municipal purposes (House, No. 1100) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Amending the charter of the town of Acushnet to eliminate the residency requirement for town administrator (House, No. 1409);

Relative to the town manager of the town of Shrewsbury (House, No. 2795) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth C. Cox, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3645, amended); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Donald Stuart, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3647) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.